

Facilitator's guide · Session 3

Mission · Gifts · Style · Oikos · 3 hours

« YOUR HOUSE » – IN THE SENSE OF JOSHUA 24:15

« As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD » (Joshua 24:15). Here, « house » means everyone who lives under one roof: a large family, a couple, a single parent with their children – or a person alone before God. A household of one is a household. Whenever this guide says « as a family » or « as a household », hear all these situations, and make sure everyone recognizes themselves in it and finds their place – never setting anyone apart.

RULE FOR EVERY WORKSHOP · PERSONAL FIRST

Each workshop follows the same order, faithful to Back to the Altar: **first alone before God** – we write or reflect in silence – **then we share or build together**. Never have people share cold: personal silence always precedes sharing together. And before the sending, the **anchoring duo** (2 min) fixes the goal in everyone's mind.

PREPARATION

- A5 cards “My gift” · 1 per person
- “My missionary style” cards · 1 per person
- Oikos sheets · 1 per household
- Commitment cards « Hineni, send me » · 1 per household
- Pens and markers

READ BEFORE THE SESSION

Acts 1:8 · 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 · Luke 19:1-10. Identify your own gift and your own missionary style – a facilitator who does not know theirs will struggle to help participants find theirs.

▣ 0:00–0:20 OPENING · 20 min.

« Say a first name aloud – someone around you you have prayed for since S2. »

IF MANY HAVE NOT PRAYED SINCE S2

Do not create shame. Simply say: “This is not a test. This afternoon we name someone.” Carry on as normal.

« If your family’s mission were a fire – does it burn only in your home, or is it beginning to spread outside? »

▣ 0:20–0:40 DIAGNOSIS · 20 min. · A different format

2 open questions in pairs + 1 silent question

NO YES/NO QUESTIONNAIRE IN S3

S1 and S2 exhausted the format. In S3, the diagnosis is an open conversation. Two questions in pairs (5 min.), then a silent 30-second question on personal growth.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH – S3 DISTILLATION

The 3rd diagnosis question is silent and individual: “*Has your life of personal prayer and reading grown since S1 – even a little?*” No collecting. No sharing. Just a moment of personal honesty before God. Then move straight on: “*Personal growth is not an end – it is the fuel of mission. That is what we will explore this afternoon.*”

« Now we are going to discover how God wants to use you. Not someone else. You. With who you are. »

▣ 0:40–1:15 WORKSHOP A — 6 gifts · My missionary field · 35 min.

“The manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all.”

1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

IF SOMEONE HESITATES BETWEEN TWO GIFTS

Ask: “Which of the two shows up in your life without you deciding it?” The natural gift precedes the conscious decision.

CHILDREN — THE MIME COMES BEFORE THE QUESTION

Each child mimes something they do well. The others guess. The mime chooses their gift before they can explain it. Do not skip this step.

« With this gift, what kind of person can I reach naturally? Name a concrete type of person — not a church program. »

▣ 1:15–1:25 BREAK · 10 min.

« You have identified your gift — what God has given you. Now we are going to discover your style — the way you give it to others. »

LET PARTICIPANTS TALK FREELY

The break between Workshop A and Workshop B is a natural settling. People will spontaneously talk about their gift among themselves. It is pedagogically precious — do not interrupt it.

▣ 1:25-2:05 WORKSHOP B — 6 missionary styles · 40 min.

Evangelize as you are — not as you think you must be

PRESENT THE STYLES WITH THE PHYSICAL GESTURES

For each style, the facilitator makes the gesture. The room repeats. The children choose their favorite gesture even before understanding the concept. This physical gesture anchors the style in the body.

WALKING PRAYER BY STYLE

Group people by style. Each group walks together for 4 minutes praying for the people of their natural field. The hospitality group prays for the isolated. The mercy group prays for the sick. Etc. No guided prayer — each one prays quietly within their group.

*« The styles complement each other. What one cannot do, another can.
That is why you are not alone in mission. »*

▣ 2:05-2:45 WORKSHOP C — My Oikos · 3 names · 1 step · 40 min.

“Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.”

LUKE 19:5

ANCHOR THE OIKOS IN THE LOCAL REALITY FIRST

Do not start with the Greek word. Start with: “Around you are people who already trust you naturally.” The word oikos comes after, as confirmation. This sequence avoids intellectualization.

KEY MOMENT — FAMILY-AS-MISSION, COLLECTIVE

After the individual cards: the family chooses TOGETHER one priority person. Each member says how their gift and their style can help accompany this same person. It is the most powerful moment of S3 — do not reduce it to a simple sharing.

« Take your phone. Find the photo of one of the 3 people in your Oikos. Hold it face up in front of you. »

« Name them quietly before God. Just their first name. »

« Tell God one thing you want for this person. Not to change them — to love them. »

ANCHORING DUO · 2 MIN — OPENS THE SENDING

Before the blessing: « Turn to the person next to you — not your spouse, whoever is there — and tell them the one thing you take away and will do this week. » Two sentences each. **Odd number: a trio.** Make sure no one is left without a partner — that is what includes those who are alone. Only then, the sending.

▣ 2:45-3:00 SENDING — Hineni, send me · 15 min.

The missionary sending is not proclaimed sitting down. It is walked.

STAND IN THE DOORWAY

The facilitator opens the door and stands in the doorway. The families walk toward the exit one by one. As they pass, the facilitator places a hand on their shoulder and says quietly: “Go. He has gone before you.” The prayer is spoken outside.

« Father, here we are outside. These first names on our cards — You know them. Send us toward them with what You have given us. Amen. »

SPIRITUAL GROWTH THREAD — S3

S3 explicitly names the link between personal growth and mission:

- In the *diagnosis* : a silent question on growth since S1, followed by a linking sentence to mission.
- In the *Workshop C Oikos* : the linking sentence: “*The altar you repaired in S1 — this is where it begins to shine out.*”
- In the *sending* : the sending blessing implicitly says that you cannot accompany someone toward Jesus if you do not walk with Him yourself.